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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for consideration by the Examiner. Also included is a partial translation of Schubert DE 34 02 573 A1.

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicants respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this

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application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References

Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants further request that a copy of the modified

PTO Form No. 1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants'

attorney.

In fulfillment of Applicants' duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i) with regard to

French Publication No. 2,753,907, Applicants' undersigned representative notes the relevant

disclosure shown in Figures 3A, 3C and 3D therein. With regard to Schubert DE 34 02 573 A1,

Applicants' undersigned representative notes the relevance of threads (4) connected to blade (1)

shown in Figure 1.

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not a

representation that any reference cited is considered most pertinent, or that a search has been

undertaken, or that any cited reference is indeed prior art. The Examiner is invited to undertake

an independent search.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Fourth Supplemental

Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is

authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 for such fees. Early and favorable action is

earnestly solicited.

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